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The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Orphanage group as it appeared on the program at the 35th Annual Assembly

NOTICES
From the Field

To the churches and ministers in Georgia: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. From the state parsonage, 110 American Boulevard, Macon, Ga., I greet you.

The first thing I wish to say is that I pledge you one year of the very best service that I am capable of rendering, and I expect whole-hearted cooperation on your part to make this the greatest year for the Church of God in Georgia.

You know by now that our ministers' meeting is to be at the church at Macon, October 28, 29, at which time I hope to see you.

The program in part is as follows:

October 28

10:00 a. m.—How Do You Do?

11:00 a. m.—"The Need of Cooperation," J. H. Walker.

1:45 p. m.—Appointment of committees.

2:15 p. m.—"What Can Georgia Do?" by S. W. Latimer.

3:00 p. m.—Y. P. E. and Sunday School Work, Roy Douglas.

7:30 p. m.—"Some of My Experiences in Getting Things Done," H. L. Whittington.

October 29

8:30 a. m.—Reports of committees. Last, "What May We Expect?" by A. V. Beaube.

The state overseer will outline his get-acquainted tour and announce it before the convention closes.—A. V. Beaube, state overseer.

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This is to notify you that the former pastor of the Church of God at Evarts, Ky., F. J. Stewart, is no longer a member or minister of the Church. His credential was revoked on the 16th of September, 1940, because of disorderly walk. — N. S. Marcelle, overseer of colored work.

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To the ministers and church clerks of North Dakota and Wyoming: The joint state ministers' meeting will convene in Lemmon, S. Dak., on Friday, Nov. 1. Every minister is urged to attend and bring the clerk of his respective church. Do not forget the food shower for the school at that time. Bring your offering for the new beds; amount, $15.00.

The Northwest Bible and Music Academy will open on Monday, November 4, at Lemmon, S. Dak. About forty students are expected. All arrangements have been made for your comfort.—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, Box 184, Lemmon, S. Dak.

The Church of God at Abbs Valley, Va., is over the top with its aged ministers' quota for the Assembly year of 1940-41.—A. J. Cox, pastor.

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This is to let the Y. P. E. and Sunday School secretaries of Georgia know that my address will be the same as last year. Be sure to send in your reports promptly. —Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

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To those wishing to write Mrs. J. R. Thomas, wife of the late Rev. J. R. Thomas, her address is 1401 Eldorado St., Eldorado, Ill.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Ministers, Laity, and Others

If you have an account with the Church of God Publishing House or Tennessee Music and Printing Company and have changed your address since August 1, 1940, will you please send us a card giving both your old and new address. We would appreciate having this information by November 1 and not later than November 10, 1940. Address your card to Bookkeeping Depart., Church of God Pub. House, Cleveland, Tenn.

My address for this Assembly year is 1501 Parkwood Ave., Charlotte, North Carolina.—Earl P. Paulk.

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To the ministry and laity of the state of Texas: By the time you read this announcement I will be in your good state and ready to begin work on our church program. We will expect to meet all ministers, workers, and church officials in the ministers' meeting, which will convene at Fort Worth on Monday, November 11, at 7:00 p. m., and continue through Tuesday, the 12th. I will appreciate meeting with all the bishops who can be there on Monday by 12:00 noon for the purpose of arranging our program for the meeting. We are expecting Brother Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, to be with us. Ministers, church clerks and all who wish to contact me, you may address me at the state pastorium, Weatherford, Tex. Please pray that the Lord will bless the State of Texas this year as we are sure He has in days gone by.—T. W. Godwin, overseer of Texas.

To the ministers of Arizona and Nevada:

Ministers' meeting will be held in Baldwin Park, Cal., November 6, 7, 8, beginning 7:00 p. m., Wednesday the 6th. I would like for the leaders of the young people to be there. The laity is welcome to attend these services. It is very necessary for all ministers to attend so that we might plan our year's work.—Yours in Christ, I. L. Benge, state overseer.

Rules

For awarding the National Y. P. E. Banner, 1940-41

1. Largest average Y. P. E. attendance in proportion to church membership.
2. Largest total gain in attendance over the previous year.
3. Greatest number Y. P. E's organized this Assembly year.
4. Largest number of Young People's Endeavors according to the number of churches.
5. Largest circulation of the *Lighted Pathway* in the state in proportion to church membership.
6. Largest *Lighted Pathway* circulation.
7. Highest percentage of prompt monthly reporting to state superintendent.
8. Highest percentage of district conventions (credit given for only one convention to the district).
9. Largest amount of money raised for state convention mission offering according to church membership.
10. Greatest contribution of books to B. T. S. library. (Credit given according to number and value.)

Rules

For awarding the National Sunday School Banner, 1940-41

1. Largest attendance according to church membership.
2. Largest gain in attendance over last year.
3. Greatest number of Sunday Schools according to the number of churches.
4. Greatest number of Sunday Schools organized last year.
5. Largest amount of offerings for orphans according to the Sunday School attendance.
6. Highest percentage of faithfulness in monthly reporting to state superintendent.
7. Largest percentage of district conventions.
8. Largest percentage of teachers taking or having taken a teacher-training course.
9. Highest percentage of Sunday Schools having superintendent and teachers' meetings at least twice a month.
10. Largest percentage of superintendents and teachers attending district conventions.

Facing The Facts

Sermon Preached at the 35th Annual Assembly by

J. S. BRINSFIELD

Text: *"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished,"* Prov. 22:3.

With retrospect we view the past and I believe that there are existing forces today that are taking us somewhere else. It will be our duty to understand the powers that shall have preeminence in our lives. There are many sacred phases of life and each has a profound influence upon our society in the world. Individuals who succeed are those who face the issues squarely. True Christians always have. The prudent man is willing to face the issue squarely, ready and eager to face the facts, but the simple man passeth on and in the end of his life he is punished.

A man was once asked to give a reason for his unparalleled success in life and he said, "I never deceive myself. I always face the facts." I believe we can say without the fear of contradiction that the reason the Church of God is enjoying success is because we have been ready and willing to face the facts that confront us, not trying to evade the issues facing us today, but with the help of the Lord and by His strength and grace we are ready to stand for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have learned that the forces which existed in the past are responsible for the facts that are eminent today. It is a fact that Jesus taught the fundamentals that are so vital to us today. Our critics say we are impractical, out of style, and that the gospel we bring is out of date, but I believe we hold within our hands the most powerful force that has ever been given to men—the blessed Word of God. I am glad that the Church of God accepts the whole Bible rightly divided and refuses none of it.

Many powerful and prominent religious groups have accepted the modernistic philosophy, but we can depend upon this gospel. Back in the days of Samuel the children of Israel decided they wanted to be like the nations round about them and have a king like the Gentiles had and from that they went from one sin to another and soon we hear them answer, "We can't sing the songs of Zion in a strange land." Church of God leaders, let's not get in the strange land of modernistic philosophy, but stay in the Bible. The devil would try to make modernists of us and impede our growth and hinder us from doing the things God wants us to do, but may God give us an understanding of His truths and help us to stand for the right. Many religious groups who once enjoyed the favors and blessings of the great God of heaven are today the victims of modernism.

I read from a clipping of a Detroit paper: "PASTOR DEFENDS DANCING FOES OF ZOLLER. The Rev. William H. Perkins, pastor of the Cass Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, today came to the defense of the 'dancing preachers' bitterly denounced by the Rev. John E. Zoller, radio preacher who resigned Tuesday as head of the Wesleyan M. E. Church.

"Zoller said he was forced to quit his post and turn in his credentials as a Methodist minister after a controversy with church superiors on his refusal to cease attacks on 'modernist' ministers who

Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield

sponsor dances and 'other world activities.'

"Zoller also refused to place his coast-to-coast radio broadcast under direct supervision of church officials, as ordered by Dr. Walter R. Fruit, superintendent of the Detroit area of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Covering Methodist Altars With Dust. Before his resignation Zoller had attacked Perkins as the leader of the 'dancing preachers,' who, he charged, 'are causing Methodist altars to be covered with dust and killing the church spiritually.'

"Perkins takes pride in being considered the head of the dancing preachers. He has turned his church at Cass and Selden Avenues into a community center directed by the department of recreation. Dances are held regularly under his supervision.

"He has organized baseball and volleyball teams. His church is a meeting place for youth organizations.

"More Natural to Dance Than Pray. Defending his 'modernist methods,' Perkins said: 'It is much more natural for people to dance than pray, and possibly a whole lot better for them. I'm convinced you can build a whole lot more character on a properly supervised dance floor or on a baseball field than you can in a Sunday School classroom.

" 'Mr. Zoller does not seem to realize that dancing is natural—as natural as love.

" 'Religion as preached by Mr. Zoller is like building up enthusiasm by giving a person a shot of dope. When the injections cease nothing is left. That is bombastic religion. It fills the audience with temporary enthusiasm but builds no character underneath. I'm after character, not enthusiasm.'

"Zoller says that 1,000 persons attended his Sunday and Wednesday services. Perkins estimates that 5,000 use his church and community center during a week.

"Both Bishop Edgar Blake and Doctor Fruit refused to comment on Zoller's charges against 'dancing preachers.'

"The radio preacher announced he would resume his radio broadcasts in November and would open a new church in Detroit soon.

"Until the appointment of a new minister, the Rev. Harvey G. Pearce, D. D., former minister of the East Grand Boulevard M. E. Church, will supply the pulpit at Wesley Church."

"It is much more natural for people to dance than to pray." That's what a minister of the gospel said. A few years ago the trend of modernism was little thought about but today many are becoming its victims. We can't play with a serpent without expecting to get bitten. We can't tamper with modernism without being wrecked by it.

There have been those who accepted the challenge in days that are past. Paul followed the lowly Nazarene and when he came to the end of the way he was confident of his reward for doing right. Peter accepted the challenge and stood true to the end. Martin Luther and John and Charles Wesley accepted the challenge and by their willingness to suffer for right we are today enjoying this glorious heritage in Him. Then at the turn of the century, Spurling, Lee, Bryant, Lemons, McLain, and others grabbed the torch and dared to stick to the Bible and so the Church of God was born by men who were willing to face the facts. Our Puritan forefathers faced their problems

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Editorially Speaking

Oh Blessed Thought

WE ARE nearing the time for our nation to choose a leader. The merits and demerits of those who are candidates for the presidency of the United States are being freely discussed. Some things nice and many things that are not so nice are being said. It is fitting and appropriate that men freely discuss the characteristics and qualifications of those who are to be our leaders, for the course of a nation greatly depends on its leadership. But while the child of God must acknowledge the political leadership of those who are elected to carry on as the heads of our government, it must be remembered that there is One to whom we owe allegiance and on whom we must depend for leadership in the individual life, who is supreme and One on whose leadership we can always depend.

Whoever is elected as president of the United States of America will be the president of all of those who have their trust placed in God and who are submitted to Him, and they will rightfully acknowledge such leadership. But in the times of turmoil, threatenings, of war and other horrible pictures which may be placed before us, it is for the child of God to be thoroughly submitted to Him and to be so consecrated that he may be able to sing the blessed hymn, "He Leadeth Me, Oh Blessed Thought," and that that thought may come from the deepest recess of the heart, that that thought of His leadership may thoroughly permeate his entire being and bring consolation, comfort and contentment during the most trying ordeal. The only thing that is necessary on the part of the individual, since Christ is the leader on whom we can depend, is to be a faithful follower and never deviate from that straight and narrow path and the provision for our walking in it that He has made.

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
Oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Quench Not The Spirit

IN THE summer of 1939 we had the privilege of visiting the Northwest camp meeting at Minot, N. Dak., at which time we also had the pleasure of hearing a sermon by the Rev. Morris Charles Plotts on the subject of "Quench Not the Spirit." This sermon made a profound impression upon us. Since the Spirit of God is that with which every child has to do, and that on which he must depend for guidance, it is very necessary that he know something of that Spirit and of His leadings. Since the sermon was such a great blessing to us, we give herewith a concise outline of it.

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT

Texts to read: Isaiah 7:13 (last part); 1 Thess. 4:19; Eph. 4:30.

INTRODUCTION

1. The glory of our faith is that it is not a lifeless creed. We have to do with living personalities,—Father, Son, Holy Ghost, and angels, who walk and talk with us.
2. But this very glory and wonder can become exceedingly dangerous because—

I. THERE ARE DIFFERING SPIRITS

1. Human soul battleground, greater battle than Waterloo fought.
2. But this very glory and wonder can become exceedingly of a child of God is not necessarily from heaven.
3. Tragedy to read, 1 Thess. 5:19, without the companion verse which is 1 John 4:1, like the other rail in the track keeps us straight.
4. Certainly you are not to quench God's Spirit, but you are to crush the false leadings, and subdue the human because—
5. Your impressions may come from one of three sources
   (a) God
   (b) Satan
   (c) Your own clamoring human spirit
6. Incalculable harm has been done by honest, zealous but misguided persons who have followed a devil playing Holy Ghost, or have interpreted their own thoughts as divine inspiration.
7. Some have, as an effort to get away from the foolishness of unbridled fanaticism, refused to allow any liberty of the Spirit, resisted all supernaturalism — becoming rigid. This has marred fellowship, locking out the mightiest worker of all. Zechariah 4:6.
8. Thus we need teachers to guide us —sound teaching to help us avoid the snares others have fallen into.
9. Some object to teaching as an infringement on their personal liberty, but true piety is meek, subject to instruction, teachable. Jas. 3:17.
10. As great business institutions trademark their wares so God trademarks His leadings—look for them!

II. HOW TO DISCERN GOD'S LEADING

1. Scriptural
   (a) God's Word Gibralter of faith.
   (b) Peter places Divine Word above every demonstration when he says, "We have the more *sure word* of prophecy," 2 Peter 1:19.
   (c) Holy Ghost gave us Bible—He never contradicts Himself.
   (d) Jesus always scriptural—ever saying, "It is written."
   (e) Jesus' teaching unfolds and expands the old truths!
   (f) Beware of swerving ever so little from the Word which shall stand when the heavens fall!

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Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body. I have been sick for a long time.—Mrs. Sally Walker, Immokalee, Fla.

Me; my loved ones.—Chestir Setton, Marked Tree, Ark.

Me to grow stronger in the Lord and do His will.—Rosie Clouse, Marked Tree, Ark.

Me to get closer to God; my children to be saved; very urgent unspoken request; my people to get saved.—Annie Newby, Rt. 2, Cairo, Ga.

Brother and Sister Lee Rawlins and children, they lost their oldest son October 6 and are in doubt about his soul's condition; also their son's young wife that she too may look toward God and be saved. This precious family lives in Desloge, Mo.—Leavah M. Prather, Box 65, Cantwell, Mo.

My little boy who is very sick with tonsillitis to be healed; me to do God's will and raise my family right.—Mrs. Drucy Davis, Rt. 1, Hornbeak, Tenn.

My mother who took a severe cold at the Assembly to be healed. She is in bed very sick with the flu or something hurting in her side and she is coughing very badly. She also requests prayer for her mother, Mattie B. Rich Buckalew.—Mrs. G. W. Chandler, Trion, Ga.

God to help my daughter and heal her and that she will give her heart to God, she is a bad sinner and needs salvation; me and my other three children to be saved. God to undertake in this place and save people, this is a very, very wicked place.—A troubled mother, Mrs. Earnie Tumblin, 222 Hamett St., Poe Mill, Greenville, S. C.

The healing of my body, finger and hand. I am expecting to have to have my hand taken off.—Mrs. Lillie Braden, Rt. 2, Speedwell, Tenn.

Me and my family to live pleasing to God; us to be filled with the Holy Ghost; my lost children to be saved; my sister and her family and my brothers-in-law to be saved.—Oveline Welchul, Rt. 1, Acworth, Ga.

God to give me victory over an affliction that has been on my body for ten years and it is getting unbearable.—Sister Demelie, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Me and my baby to be healed of severe colds, we almost have the flu.—Virdie Brock, Collins, Miss.

The Lord to heal my body and that I won't have to have another operation. Fast if led.— Mrs. D. B. Collins, 739 Kirkwood Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Me to be healed and do more for the Lord; my lost loved ones.—Leroy Helton, Rt. 2, Fyffe, Ala.

Help me pray for grace to raise my little ones for God; me to stay in the center of God's will and that I will have boldness to speak for my Lord; the healing of my body. I get discouraged and downhearted sometimes.—Ora Robinson, Rt. 1, Charleston, Miss.

My nephew, Clarence Hudson, who got his leg broke; pray for his brother who has something wrong with his head. They have no mother. My left eye to be healed.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Rydal, Ga.

My home and me, that I may be a Christian and help my drunkard husband to get salvation.—Mrs. Alline Crumley, 4007 6th Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.

My child to be healed. He is six years old and can't walk alone. My husband to get salvation; our children and me, also that I will be strengthened in the Lord; me to be healed of a pain in my side.—Mrs. Maudie Gothard, 553 N. 40th St., Birmingham, Ala.

My wife who is very sick to be healed. —Robert Black, 2406 W. Indiana St., Evansville, Ind.

Our son, Thomas, who has had spasms since he was ten years of age.—Mrs. Birdie Moore, Rt. 3, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Me to be healed of nervous trouble. My husband, for whom I requested prayer, is much better. I appreciate your prayers for him. Pray that he will be completely healed.—Mrs. M. McLellan, Box 39, W. Scarboro, Me.

Me to be completely healed of T.B., I have been sick two years; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Ethel Grubb, Rt. 2, Box 12, Princeton, W. Va.

My mother, Sister Emmer Hazellief, that her body will be healed.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mixon, Okeechobee, Fla.

Me to be healed of nervousness, weakness in body and other troubles, also that I will have an appetite.—B. R. Hughen, 19 Fair St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

My son to be saved; my daughter to be saved; me to be healed of serious sinus trouble.—Mrs. Leona Einfeldt, 20 Lana Ave., Salem, Oreg.

The Lord to undertake for me and heal my body. I am not very strong in body. —Ruth Hall, Box 64, Immokalee, Fla.

The healing of my family; me to be healed of high blood pressure, kidney trouble and arthritis.—Mrs. C. W. Hyde, Crowder, Miss.

Please take my trouble to God in prayer. I feel so heartbroken and blue and I have drifted away from God and don't feel like I can get a prayer through to God. Pray that God will take the taste of drink from my husband and save him. He is a slave to strong drink and without God comes to the rescue our home is wrecked. He is so mean when he drinks, I can't stay here much longer if he doesn't stop. Please pray that God will undertake and that I may grow closer to Him than ever before.—A subscriber.

Editor's Note: The above is an exception to our rule of not publishing anonymous articles. Let every saint of God breathe a prayer in her behalf.

Revivals

Meetings Successful

JERSEY CITY, N. J. — We are now preaching in Union Square and Broadway, New York City. Thousands are being reached here with the last-day message. This is the hotbed of fascism and communism in America. God gives us grace to stand up in the midst of it and preach Jesus Christ. Our meetings are successful in New York City.—Russell Ford and wife, evangelists.

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DILLON, S. C.—I thank my Lord for His healing power. He healed my little girl's finger once, and last night my throat hurt because it was so sore. I prayed for it and didn't doctor it any and, thank the Lord, today it is better. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Herbert Morris.

NOTES
From My Letters
J. H. Walker, *General Overseer*

Just a line to tell you we have raised our aged ministers' fund. We raised ten cents per member with about a 25 per cent increase.—O. L. McManus, pastor, Covington, La.; James Fitzgerald, clerk.

May God bless you there, brethren.

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E. B. Bennett, Sparta, Tennessee, Star Route 2, writes that they have gone over the top with their aged ministers' quota for the entire year. So far as we know, this is the first church to do that this year.

May God bless you, Brother Bennett, in your work.

Special Notice

To whom it may concern: My present address is Rt. 3, Wake Forest, N. C.—D. H. Delk.

The Church of God Way

BY R. P. JOHNSON, Assistant General Overseer

It has been almost twenty-five years since I became a member of the Church of God, and it has taken all of my time to be a loyal one. My membership and ministry was, and is, not an accident, but was a deliberate choice on my part—a choice of which I have never been ashamed. However, I recall that while visiting other religious assemblies and hearing their glowing reports of their educational and missionary activities, I was made to feel mildly apologetic, not because I was affiliated with the Church of God, but because these other movements had the outward appearance of being more progressive than the Church of God. I knew that the Church of God was laying a foundation for a safe, sane, progressive program, sponsored and conducted by the Church, in harmony with the policies of the Church according to its doctrines and teachings. I realized that from the beginning the working of the General Assembly had been something new in the religious world, its system and government being almost entirely different from any other movement. And this was as it should be, for since we had received the Holy Ghost and accepted holiness as our standard, we felt obligated to seek divine guidance in matters of government, which would be as scriptural as our spiritual experiences,—a government that would supplement our spirituality rather than be a detriment. We knew that the approval of an inspired, informed, unified people would be necessary before we could afford to promote a world-wide missionary program or attempt to establish an educational institution which would merit and receive the endorsement of the state, also that of the association of the colleges. This government and this inspired and unified people we now have, and the growth of both of our mission and educational programs are a marvel to many.

Heretofore, when we would hear the Church criticized, we would accept the criticism and rise to defense of the Church with all the eloquence at our command, still with a faint apology for not being further advanced along educational and missionary lines. Some among us may be apologetic yet; if so, it is high time that we cease to be and take a good long hard look and see from whence we have come during the past few years—take stock and see where we are now, what we are doing this year, look into our plans and see what our future plans embrace. Then lift up your head and experience that glorious feeling which goes with being loyal, satisfied members.

It would take no expert to comprehend the privileges and blessings which we are enjoying by yielding to the true Spirit of God and accepting the New Testament government. The Church accepts these, as a man accepts the air he breathes. As air is essential to his life, so we know that

Rev. R. P. Johnson

the personal touch of the Holy Ghost, and the strict Bible order are essential to the influence and usefulness of the Church. Until one is deprived of air, he does nothing seriously about it. So is the attitude of the Church toward these two essential powers, which its Head has made such ample provision for. It has its weakness within and opposition without but, like the human body, it has virtue enough to withstand the attacks without and to overcome the irregularities within. There have been some necessary changes made in methods, which have proved of great value, without any ill effect upon its policies. We will never become indifferent to the basic importance of our heavenly citizenship. We will never agree to live on the surface of things. Neither are we distressed by the growing unrest and disunion which imperils so many religious bodies, for this way of salvation and service is a heritage of all who are born again and who adopt it by conviction. We know that it will continue, for true saints everywhere are determined to continue to pray, labor, and sacrifice with it and adhere to it with grim determination for we believe in it with all our hearts.

Belief or faith is essential, not mere lip service but belief that is as deeply rooted as our belief in Almighty God, who gave this way to us, and with whom we labor to promote it. The Church has faith in God because it is of God. The Church has confidence in itself because of its chosen way of life, rooted and grounded in love—yes, all that God loved, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone, accepting for doctrine His sound teachings, making His Book the book of its rules and discipline. Every day brings its challenges to the Church of God, and the Church is meeting them. Belief in the Christ of destiny, who founded it, and faith renewed will enable it to endure to the end.

This is a time of indecision, dread and fear among many people but we will not allow these things to adversely affect us, for have we not duly considered what it will take to make us steadfast and unmovable, what it has meant—and always will mean—to be loyal members of His body? We believe in the Head and in the Church which He established, also in its way, and we affirm that belief to be the belief of our entire people. We have faith in a church, fully aware of the severe trials which we now face and fully prepared for the worst that God may allow to come upon us; faith in a church which has accepted His Word and way as a standard of doctrine and service.

From henceforth none of us shall have to have the faint apologetic feeling, for the sun never sets on our missionary activities, and the last General Assembly has authorized the establishment of a college, where our youth may receive training for future usefulness under true Church of God environment, thus insuring them an education without endangering their spirituality.

We, who are acquainted with the Church of God way and love it, are happy, content, and will be bold to go forth, explaining it, asking all who love and appreciate it to join with us, for we know that none will make a mistake who invest in it. It is a safe and sound investment, the Bible way, the way of living and service that cannot be corrupted nor destroyed.

Going On

CLIFTON, Jam., B. W. I. — We are glad that through Jesus we can still praise the dear Lord. Every day we can say that He is nearer to us and He is dearer. Oh, He is so kind and loving; He is altogether lovely. Five were baptized in water and two added to the church. We are going on bit by bit. Please pray for us that God will ever bless us and that we all will meet in the sweet by and by. God bless you.—Amy Reid, clerk, Half Way Tree, 37 Red Hill R. D.

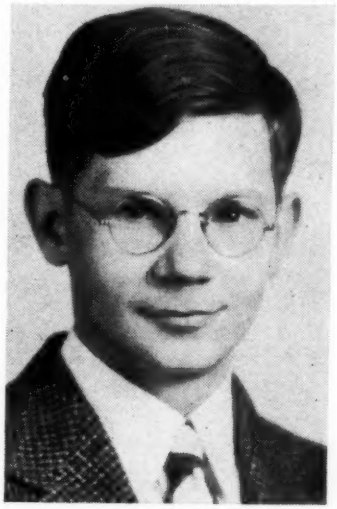
Love can always find something to do.

Foreign Missions

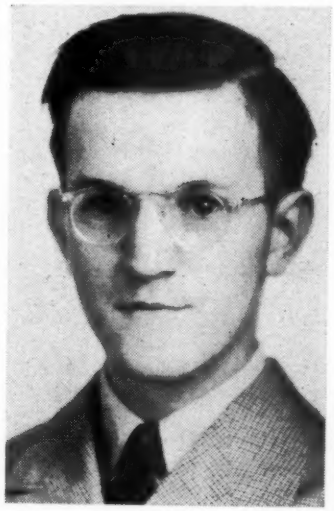
ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Missionary Boys in School

The latter part of last year Brother and Sister Robert F. Cook and their two boys, Alex and Paul, came over from India. Brother Cook was very anxious to be at our 1939 Assembly but on account of having to come around the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, he was greatly delayed, however, he would not be outdone and decided to stay until another Assembly. It was his privilege to attend the 35th Annual Assembly.



Alex Cook



Paul Cook

In the meantime, his younger son, Paul, has been attending the Bible Training School at Sevierville and has made a great student. Brother Tharp looks forward to wonderful achievements in the life of Paul. He has the missionary burden upon him and intends, just as soon as he has finished his schooling, to return to India and help his father in the work there. Alex is in school at the Bob Jones College in Cleveland. At the opening of the college this year, the freshmen were given a test for the purpose of classification. Two local students were among those making the highest average in the freshmen class. Among the two hundred freshmen that participated, Alex Cook, though he had been out of school for more than two years, came out third. Alex and Paul are making their father very happy by their showing in school. It also speaks well for the Church of God. There are several Church of God students in Bob Jones College this year.

Visions and Dreams

(*Continued from last issue*)

He reached out his hands and received the bread, and then the child said,

"Give this only to those who are hungry," and disappeared.

Obispo at once changed his tactics. He moved quietly among the people, speaking only to those who approached him and manifested an interest in the gospel. Soon they were accepting the Lord one by one and a congregation numbering over fifty gathered together.

After several years' work by the missionaries and other workers there was not a single convert in Momostenango at the time Don Obispo arrived.

The Lord also manifested His healing power in Momostenango, one of the outstanding cases being that of little seven-year-old motherless Gregoria, who lived way back in the mountains in a little hut along with her father and other little brothers and sisters. Gregoria was dumb, she had never spoken. (This happened during the time of special meetings in Momostenango.) Her father, one of the converts who was to be baptized during these meetings, fell sick with the fever. Word was sent to the missionary and, in company with Don Obispo, he went to pray for him. They found him sick in bed, prayed for him, the Lord healed him, and the next day he walked several miles and was baptized with the others as planned. He also brought Gregoria along to be prayed for, judging, and with reason, that if the Lord could heal fevers He could also make the dumb to speak. The congregation prayed for the child but there was no immediate visible result. A few days later the father informed Don Obispo that the child was talking just like the other children, and so he went to investigate. As he neared the hut in the woods his little dog ran on ahead to where the children were playing. Gregoria saw the dog first and cried out, "Oh! here comes a little dog!" Gregoria was normal and talking like the other children.

Don Obispo, having put his life in order, and having received the Holy Ghost, again kneeled before the Lord to ask Him for leading. And again he was directed by a vision. He saw before him a road and at the end of the road two houses alike. He followed the road, a distance of about twelve leagues, and found the houses as shown to him. He found himself, not among his own class, the Indians, but in Jocote, a settlement of whites! Here again the Lord was working contrary to man's way of thinking and was upsetting man's ways.

The congregation in Jocote, which the Lord used this unlettered Indian to gather together, now numbers over eighty, are all white people, and includes several preachers and at least one school teacher.

Don Marcus was a drunken Indian who lived way back in the mountains, in Chuicaca. He had never heard the gospel, didn't know what it was. He was lying alongside his hut in a drunken stupor, and dreamed. In his dream a heavenly messenger appeared to him. He awoke, and in his muddled condition thought it over and went to sleep again. The dream was repeated and this time found a response in his awakening conscience. He was directed to go to Totonicapan to the gospel people and accept the gospel. He arose, ordered his woman to get him some tamales to eat along the way, and started on his journey. Arriving

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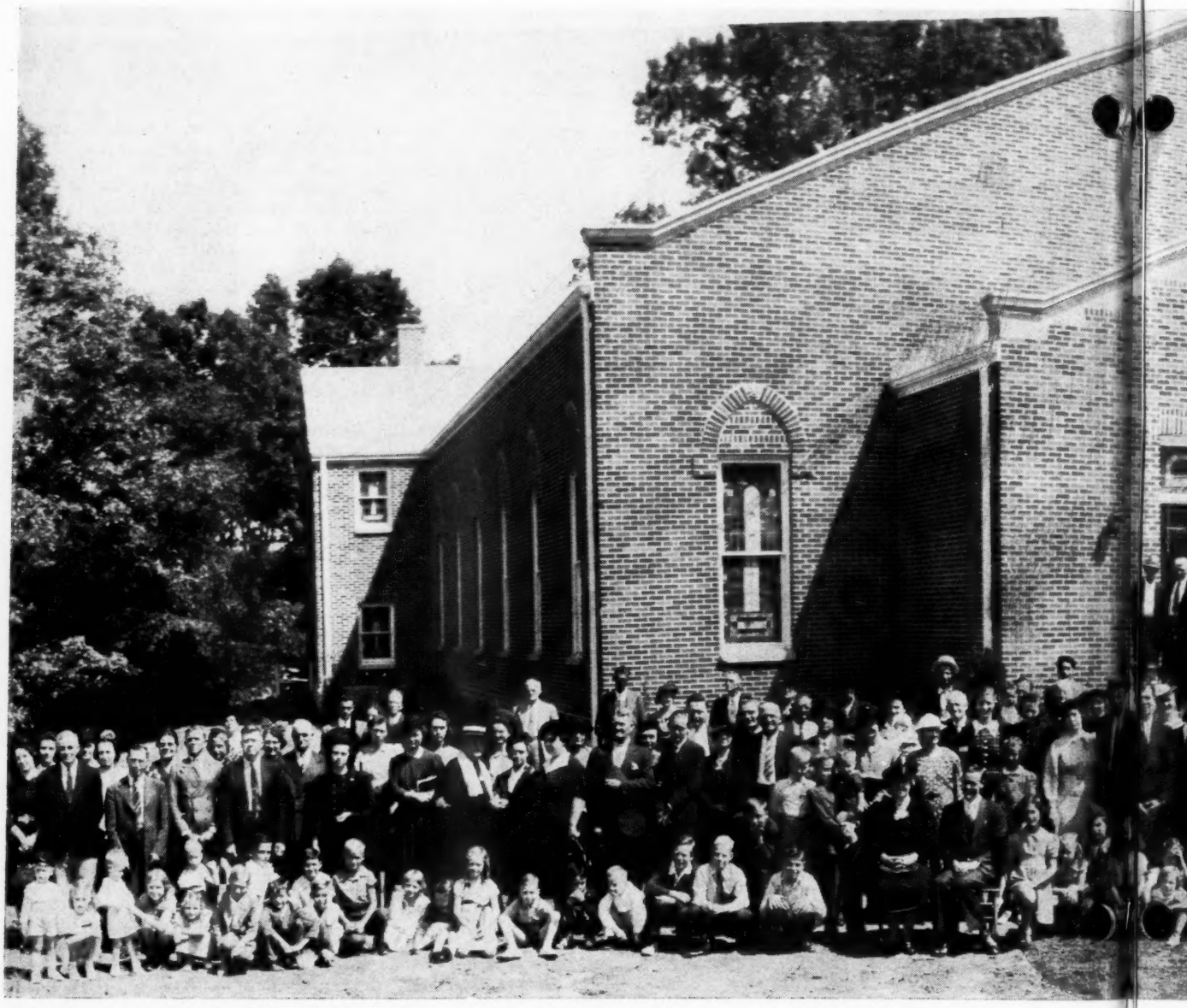
New Church of God, Atlanta



This picture above is the picture of the new church and Sunday School in Atlanta, Ga. This picture was made September 15, 1940. It is located in a beautiful church location on the corner of Hemphill Avenue and Clayton Street. This church was built at a cost of $20,500 and is valued at $30,000. The church raised $12,500 during the erection of this building. It has a seating capacity of one thousand in the main auditorium. It has a two-story Sunday School department which will accommodate about six hundred students. There are ten large Sunday Sch lounge, also a pastor's study.

The main auditorium has hardwood and celotex sound-deadening ceiling. It with a dark oak finish. The people in A beautiful church in Northwest Atlanta. and laity, passing through Atlanta, hav being agreeably surprised at the size an

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nday School rooms. It has a ladies'

rdwood floors, art glass windows, ceiling. Its pews are factory built eople in Atlanta say it is the most Atlanta. Many visitors, ministers anta, have expressed themselves as he size and beauty of the church.

The church in Atlanta took in one hundred and thirty new members this last Assembly year and the work is going along nicely. On Sunday night we are unable to accommodate the crowd. We also have a radio broadcast each Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00, which has been a great blessing to the church. We praise the Lord for the way He has so wonderfully blessed us this year. All of our friends have an invitation to come worship with us when you have an opportunity.—H. L. Whittington, pastor.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

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***"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh,"* Matt. 24:32.**

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"My Spirit shall not always strive with man!" Such is the warning of God to a grace-scorning people. I have heard many ministers say that this is one of the many prophecies they can see being literally fulfilled before their very eyes. The writer can well remember when fiery evangelistic sermons would be accompanied by deep, pungent conviction; where sinners would actually tremble under the wooing of the blessed Spirit of God. However, in these evil days, men and women, boys and girls pay no attention, it seems, to a message on eternal woe. Thoughts of the judgment of God are lightly cast aside. It seems now that the Spirit of God is dealing with those who are already His own in a greater measure than usual. In late weeks many messages have been given through the lips of godly men and women, urging the saints to snuggle closer to Him that they might be prepared for His coming. May the Lord mightily help His people to "quench not the Spirit" and to "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption."

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Daniel said, in speaking of the endtime, that, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Coming events, we are also told, cast their shadows before. That spirit of *increase of knowledge* is evident everywhere. *Travelling to and fro* is unusually predominent today. Thousands of families have no certain habitation but rove from place to place. Trains, steamships, airplanes, even the freight trains, are loaded with humanity, all going somewhere, all travelling. The writer stood, a few days ago, and saw twenty-seven men and boys in empty box cars on one train. It is doubtful if any of them had any definite destination, just rambling to and fro. The time of the end, I understand, is after the antichrist shall have come and during the great tribulation period. However, the restless spirit is manifest in the world today.

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Newspapers report that last week Los Angeles was again visited by an earth tremor. It is indeed amazing how lightly the people can pass these events. The handwriting of God is ignored. Yet, every tremor of the earth is a direct warning from high heaven that the endtime is near, even at the door.

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A learned Professor at Yale University now informs us that the Bible is all wrong about many things, among them the age of Methuselah. I quote: "Noah never built an ark and Methuselah, instead of living to be 969, died when he was only 192. These are among the claims of Dr. Andrew Efron, in announcing the discovery of a secret key that revives many interpretations of the book of Genesis in the Old Testament. Furthermore, according to Dr. Efron, Adam did not live to his accredited 930 years but died at 96. Noah died when only 48. As to the Biblical tree of knowledge, Eve's act of plucking an apple from it symbolizes the creation of a new arithmetic system. The secret key that Dr. Efron claims to have discovered has been found, he says, carved on rocks and contained in records of the ancient universe. The key, he said, is in the form of a tree-shaped symbol whose branches, varying in thickness, length and position, form a code used by ancient mathematicians . . . . The ark, he said, never existed and merely symbolized man's conception of state and political life and his first co-operative effort against an element, water. Efron, who fled Russia in 1919 has been at Yale since 1938." The learned doctor is just a little late in the discovery of his "key." God's people have had one for many years. "When he, the Comforter is come, he will guide you in the way of all truth." Nevertheless, there will be many who will jump aboard the learned gentleman's band wagon and will try to overturn the truth of the Bible from that angle.

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May the writer take this occasion to lovingly admonish all Church of God people to not be overly concerned about the presidential election. Our hope and our strength lies not in the ballot box but in the strong arm of the Lord. The election of either candidate will in no way hinder the march and work of the Church of God. She will be kept by Him who purchased her with His own blood. If and when persecution comes her way the "open door" will swing wider and she will enter in. Look to the Lord for therein lies our hopes both for time and eternity.

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A popular news organ says that we may loom for an intensification of the drive against the Jews in German-controlled France. The young French men are being taught that the Jew is responsible for their entry into the war followed by a stinging defeat. Practically all Europe is a hotbed of hatred against the sons of Abraham. That spirit is rapidly penetrating other parts of the world. In the conquered countries they are treated worse than prisoners of war. These statements are made by impartial observers whose only mission is to present the truth.

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Former President Hoover again says that millions are doomed to die of starvation in Europe this coming winter. There are those in America who advocate aid to Poland, France, Czechoslovakia and other countries whose governments have fallen. On the other hand, aid and assistance is bitterly opposed by others who claim that aid to those peoples is aid to Germany. The Bible is somewhat clear on that subject. "If you see your enemy hunger, feed him" is the gist of our duties in this matter. However, the approaching famine is in strict accordance with the Word of the Lord. FAMINES MUST AND WILL COME.

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Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world-famed missionary, said, according to TIME: "The future of the country is in the hands of disciplined people. Those who can subordinate a present desire to further discipline are the people who will control the destiny of the world. It was a small group which made Germany Nazi, Italy Fascist and Russia Communist. Less than 100 people created the reformation in Europe and less than 100 people created the renaissance. A small disciplined minority group could change the history of the nation. Somebody has said that the whole evolution of American goals is to get the policeman off the street corner and put him in your heart. We are to be disciplined to the kingdom of God. But what we do we must do quickly for this

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Mission & Orphanage Report

Mission Receipts

July, August, September

Alabama	$2,497.69
Arkansas	632.86
Arizona	3.47
California	40.62
Delaware	17.83
District of Columbia	8.90
Florida	469.78
Georgia	4,384.96
Idaho	73.93
Indiana	19.95
Illinois	273.45
Iowa	9.40
Kansas	58.75
Kentucky	69.20
Louisiana	234.76
Maine	103.20
Maryland	583.17
Michigan	782.78
Mississippi	604.16
Missouri	526.21
Massachusetts	.60
Minnesota	32.26
Montana	42.12
North Carolina	3,005.80
North Dakota	209.02
New Mexico	59.59
New Jersey	2.42
Ohio	790.68
Oklahoma	304.88
Oregon	27.09
Pennsylvania	890.43
South Carolina	5,765.55
South Dakota	181.57
Tennessee	3,014.01
Texas	909.32
Virginia	934.50
West Virginia	1,444.90
Washington	80.06
Canada	4.42

Orphanage Report

July, August, September

Alabama	$317.40
Arkansas	50.74
Arizona	9.53
California	65.18
Colorado	4.63
Delaware	5.08
District of Columbia	5:53
Foreign	6.70
Florida	628.25
Georgia	505.04
Illinois	138.56
Idaho	22.67
Indiana	49.42
Iowa	8.54
Kansas	17.22
Kentucky	653.41
Louisiana	56.18
Maine	8.39
Maryland	198.40
Massachusetts	7.15
Michigan	157.03
Minnesota	14.50
Mississippi	186.79
Miscellaneous	427.47
Missouri	139.51
Montana	32.54
Nebraska	4.83
New Jersey	7.53
New Mexico	30.31
North Carolina	720.42
North Dakota	30.68
Ohio	341.31
Oklahoma	42.84
Oregon	15.58
Pennsylvania	168.69
South Carolina	806.06
South Dakota	32.91
Tennessee	678.87
Texas	117.65
Virginia	207.63
Washington	25.58
West Virginia	347.28

MISCELLANEOUS

Alabama

The Church of God, Coaldale—1 quilt, 5 yds. outing, 3 yds. print, 1 pr. pajamas, 1 bar soap, 4 towels, 1 pillow tick, 1 washcloth. Worn: 1 sweater, 2 slips, 3 dresses, 1 pr. slacks, 2 prs. pants, 3 prs. shoes, 1 hat.

Arkansas

The Church of God, Forrest City—1 quilt.

T. R. Reed, Pine Bluff—4 boxes chewing gum.

Colorado

The Church of God of Colorado and New Mexico—19 shirts, 11½ yds. print, 1 dress.

Georgia

Mrs. Watkins, Cairo—Worn: 1 boy's suit, 1 sweater.

The Church of God, Columbus — 1 quilt.

Raymond McGill, LaFayette—2 prs. pillow cases.

Mrs. George Walker, McRae—Worn: 1 dress, 10 prs. pants, 1 boy's suit.

The Church of God, Moultrie—10½ yds. domestic, 1 sheet, 1 pillow case.

The Church of God, Rocky Ford—100 qts. canned vegetables.

Kentucky

Mitchell Hill Church of God, Coral Ridge—10 prs. pillow cases, 2 sheets, 1 bedspread, 7 towels, 2 washcloths, 1 quilt top. Worn: 15 dresses, 4 blouses, 3 shirts, 1 skirt, 2 prs. shorts.

L. W. W. B., Cumberland—1 quilt.

Cecil Bridges, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Somerset—30 quilts, 5 quilt tops, 16 sheets, 45 prs. pillow cases, 79 towels, 52 bars soap, 17 dresses, 1 blanket, 34 washcloths, 26 yds. print, 4 bedspreads, 8 yds. domestic, 5 slips, 5 prs. shoes, 2 prs. hose, 2 aprons, 2½ yds. outing, 4 prs. cotton pants, 1 dresser scarf, 2 dish cloths, 1 set quilt squares, 1 jacket, 6 cans milk, 1 can pie filling, 2 boxes rice, 1 box oats, 1 box spaghetti, 1 box soda, 4 tubes toothpaste. Worn: 19 dresses, 1 snowsuit, 3 coats, 5 suits underwear, 4 sweaters, 1 playsuit, 4 ties, 5 prs. overalls.

Maryland

W. J. Milligan, Camp Ridge—23 towels, 9 quilts, 9 washcloths, 9 pillow cases, 3 snuggie vests, 5 prs. panties, 1 sheet, ½ yd. voile. Worn: 3 dresses.

Michigan

L. W. W. B., Stanwood—1 quilt.

Minnesota

The Church of God, Minnesota—1 quilt.

Missouri

The Church of God, Desloge—7½ yds. dress material, 22 men's hdkfs., 2 prs. hose, 5 ladies' hdkfs., 2 prs. socks, 1 dress collar, 1 dress pattern, 2 cards buttons, 1 card snaps, 4 spools thread, 1 set blocks, 1 toy truck.

The Church of God, St. Joseph — 2 dresses, 1 pr. coveralls, 3 suits underwear, 3 prs. panties, 1 polo shirt, 3 bars soap, 2½ yds. print. Worn: 3 prs. pants, 5 dresses.

New Mexico

The Church of God, Carlsbad—72 yds. print.

W. H. Largin, Hot Springs—18 yds. print, 2½ yds. suiting.

The Church of God, New Mexico—1 shirt, 4 yds. print, 1 lunch cloth.

The Church of God, New Mexico. (See items listed under Colorado.)

Pennsylvania

Mrs. Jennie Wilson, Bedford—1 dress.

South Carolina

The Church of God, Greenville—6 prs. panties, 7½ yds. domestic, 5 dresses, 1 blouse, 1 pr. pillow cases, 3 shirts, 3 slips, 3 yds. print, 1 pr. pajamas, 16 hdkfs., 2 prs. anklets.

Tennessee

Victor M. Moral, Cleveland — 239 watermelons.

Cookeville District (Spring Hill church)—2 quilts.

L. W. W. B., Dividing Ridge—1 quilt, 2 prs. pillow cases.

The Church of God, Unicoi—7 yds. print, 2 prs. socks, 7 dresses, 3 aprons, 2 towels, 1 bedspread. Worn: 1 baby cap, 12 playsuits, 4 caps, 1 pr. rompers, 4 slips, 2 sleepers, 1 pr. leggings.

Texas

The Church of God, Weatherford—5 raincoats, 2 quilt tops, 7 doilies, 2 dresser scarfs, 5 doz. clothspins, 4 prs. shoes, 8 bars soap, 5 slips, 2 spools thread, 6 undervests, 1 toothbush, 1 paper pins, 20

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Editorials

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(g) If do not stand acid test of Book it is darkness, for God's Word is light. 2 Peter 1:19; Isaiah 8:20.

(h) To be scriptural it must correspond with the whole tenor of scripture, line on line. A man fixed on the text "All things are yours and proceeded to steal," deceived thus into sin by a text of scripture. Beware of Satan's garbling of the Bible.

2. Providential
   (a) God is Lord of providences, our lives as well as Bible. In Him we have our being.
   (b) Man cannot direct his steps aright. Jeremiah 10:23; Psalms 37:23.
   (c) Jesus never had a collision with providence.
   (d) God always swings the magic door open before you, as Peter in prison, Peter and Cornelius, Philip and the eunuch, wise men and manger.
   (e) You are out of order if you have to smash doors down.
   (f) "He goeth before them," John 10:4.
   (g) "I have set before thee an open door."
   (h) Children of Israel would have gotten wet had they moved into Red Sea presumptuously, but God said go, He had the way prepared.
3. Morally Right
   (a) Psalms 11:7; Hosea 14:9; Revelation 15:3.
   (b) Jesus never did wrong. "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" He could ask His bitterest enemies.
   (c) Man at Inez, Ky., who killed mother, said Holy Ghost told him. Was a ghost but not Holy Ghost.
   (d) God never will tell you to impose on others' rights. Your zeal may, Satan may, but the *Holy Ghost is a gentleman.*
4. Reasonable
   (a) Reasonable not by carnal standard but by the standard of a spiritual, God-enlightened, sanctified judgment. Romans 8:7; 1 Corinthians 2:14.
   (b) God has not dispensed with reason. Isaiah 1:18.
   (c) Wisdom of Jesus silenced the cavil of enemies. Matt. 13:54.
   (d) He has promised wisdom. Luke 21:15. (Stephen, Acts 6:10.)
   (e) Some think the crazier it is the more it bears heaven's trademark. Not so! He gives us a sound mind.
   (f) The head is not a mere knot to keep the spinal cord from unraveling—use it.
   (g) Your highest judgment should concur.
   (h) Rap your impressions over the head to see if they have sound sense.

III. Trademarks of Demoniacal Leading

1. Devils drive.
2. They talk loud.
3. They insist on action before thought.
4. They suggest a superiority to written Word.

IV. A Word About Your Own Spirit

1. Keep it subjected. 1 Cor. 14:32.
2. Don't let your heart run away with your head.
3. Self-mastery is a Bible teaching.

V. Conclusion

1. Having determined its source, follow impressions of the
   (a) Holy Ghost till death. Quench not His leading.
   (b) Resist the devil till death.
   (c) Keep your own spirit well in hand, properly subordinated to the Word, reason, propriety, providence, etc.

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What I Saw and Heard at the Assembly

EVANGELIST J. M. COCKERELL

Although it had been nine years since I had attended the international ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH OF GOD, it was by far the largest and greatest gathering of any Assembly I had ever attended, notwithstanding the large gatherings of other religious movements which I have had the privilege to attend. The increase during the last seven or eight years in MEMBERSHIP, both in the land and in foreign countries, was certainly beyond my expectation. It was like music to the ear when I heard the General Secretary read the record that told of the large number of conversions that had been added to the Church this year. If I remember correctly, it was almost ten thousand. PRAISE THE LORD! How the missionary work has grown, and is growing. The Church has so developed and expanded in every department, and yet so retained the presence of the Lord—even in a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, that one could not help feeling as did the QUEEN OF SHEBA on her visit to the palace and kingdom of Solomon. Although she had HEARD of his FAME, yet there was a bit of DOUBT until she came and saw the GREATNESS and BEAUTY of his kingdom, as well as the marvelous temple; then, and not until then, was she completely overcome, because what she had SEEN with her own eyes was so far beyond her expectation that she exclaimed as she stood in the presence of the king:

" . . . . It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit (however) I BELIEVED NOT THE WORDS, UNTIL I CAME, and mine eyes HAD SEEN IT: and, behold, THE HALF WAS NOT TOLD ME . . . " (1 Kings 10:6, 7.)

While I am not trying to overestimate the large crowd, the operation of the Holy Spirit, and the lovely FELLOWSHIP of the brethren, yet it was beyond my expectation. But how I did appreciate it! Many of the precious brethren whom I had not seen in nine years were hardly recognizable—so many had developed physically—however, their lovely FELLOWSHIP and their "HAPPY TO SEE YOU" was very noticeable, and more appreciated than anything else to me. Of course I was just as happy to see them as they were Mrs. Cockerell and me.

The Assembly to us was a happy one and shall long be remembered.

We urge all of our friends to remember us in prayer as we assume the new responsibilities in the field of labor assigned to us.

NOTE:This article appeared in last week's Evangel, but in putting it on the press the spacing that divides the columns fell out and allowed the two columns to work together. This was not noticed until too late to correct it. We are reprinting it this week and are very sorry it happened.—Editor.

Reports of Revivals

Best Revival In Tampa in Ten Years

Dear Evangel Readers and Friends: I praise the Lord this afternoon for His mercy, saving and healing power, and for the blessed assurance I have in Him. I know I am a child of the King. Glory to God! He has blessed us many times and healed our diseases.

We have closed a wonderful and blessed revival in Tampa, Florida. It was held by our beloved pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. It ran for two weeks and the altar services were so good those who were seeking the Lord for salvation asked our pastor to let it continue a week longer. It did. The results were: Fifteen saved, ten sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, six baptized in water, and eight added to the church.

The baptismal service was the first of its kind in Tampa. The candidates for water baptism were asked to meet at the river at 8:00 o'clock. Brother Hamby said he was surprised to see such a great number present.

We are thankful to God for the way Tampa has been progressing the last two years, with Brother Hamby as pastor. I am also glad to say that we have Brother Hamby and family for the third year. We are looking for great things in the Lord this year. He has been a great help to the writer, has encouraged me to press on and hold the banner up for Jesus.

I have felt the call to the ministry and I have a greater desire and determination to stand up for Jesus and let my light so shine that the world may see Christ Jesus in me.

If the young people, especially the young converts, are discouraged and feel the need of help, they should go to their pastor for help. I have found that is the best way.

Saints of God, please pray for me as I need your prayers, that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.—A brother in Christ, William F. Gillette, Route 3, Box 324, Tampa, Fla.

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The North Rome, Georgia, Church of God is now in a revival with Brother S. C. Chambers doing the preaching. The meeting has been going one week and fourteen have been filled with the Holy Ghost, about thirty saved and approximately twenty-eight sanctified. A large number have been reclaimed. Twenty-six were in the altar Sunday night.—S. W. Latimer, pastor.

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CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Haze Chapel church, with Brother Willie Mims of West Helena doing the preaching. Eight were saved. We had visiting ministers during the revival; our state overseer was with us one Sunday. Eight were added to the church. We had communion and feet washing Sunday night and the Lord blessed. We hope to have Brother Mims with us again. Pray for our church.—Mrs. R. G. Anderson, clerk.

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CENTRAL, S. C.—I praise our King for the good revival that just closed before the Assembly. There were twenty-six saved, nineteen sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Brother H. K. Parker and Brother Joe Flowers did the preaching. They are wonderful workers for God.

Please pray for the church here at Central. We organized a Y. P. E. Saturday night. Pray for us to be a blessing.—Alma Madden.

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MARKED TREE, Ark. — The three weeks' revival held by Brother Ernest Wilson of Alabama and closing Sept. 22 was a great blessing to the saints as well as to the unsaved at the church here at Marked Tree. The church was greatly edified and built up in the Word. There were eight saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church.

We learned to love Brother and Sister Wilson and were sorry to see them leave. Our prayer is that God will keep His hand upon them and continue to make them a blessing to others. — Nadyne Clouse.

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We closed a three weeks' revival September 8 at Sharp's Chapel. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were thirty-nine saved, a goodly number sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine baptized in water and five added to the church. Pray for the people there at Sharp's Chapel.—A B. T. S. student, Lewis L. Reeder, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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country is going either Communist, or Fascist, or Christian. The decision is at our doors." Dr. Jones heads the National Christian Mission which is scheduled to tour the United States in an intensive effort to evangelize the country and try to stem the tide of worldliness now predominant. However, Dr. Jones and the other learned ministerial brethren, who have consistently and persistently rejected the Holy Ghost, which is nothing more than rejecting God, can hope to accomplish little or nothing. IF THE WORLD IS TURNED TO GOD IT MUST AND SHALL BE DONE BY MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE LIVES ARE SATURATED WITH THE POWER OF GOD WROUGHT THROUGH AND BY THE HOLY GHOST! Any other measure is foredoomed to ignominious failure.

Mission Page

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in Totonicapan he didn't know where to go, but inquired for the padre of the gospel. Directed to the Catholic priest, he knew that was not the place and he continued his quest until he was finally directed to the home of the missionary, where he explained the purpose of his visit, was instructed in the way of salvation and at once accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Returning home he started to testify and soon there was a number of converts, which gradually increased until now the congregation there numbers over two hundred.

And what more can we say? Time would fail us to tell of the many manifestations of the grace of God among us, of healings, victories in persecutions, souls brought out of darkness into the light of the gospel, the many saved from idol worship, (we have assisted in burning quite a number of images after they were discarded from saved hearts), brujos (witch doctors) saved from their devilish practices, (we have had as many as fourteen divining outfits at one time, each one representing a brujo saved) from drunkenness and from the whole list of the devil's works, because of the manifested presence of the Lord.

Yes, the Lord was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. But not only the gross fleshly sins are works of the devil. The exalted pride of a super-educated, pleasure-loving, Christ-rejecting civilization is also a work of the devil. The Holy Ghost is manifested to bring these high things of man to nought, and to bring us in line with God's way.

Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

(This story is taken from *"Guatemala and the Story of Chuce,"* mission booklet sold by the Church of God Publishing House for 25c.)

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News From Bermuda

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Greetings to the saints everywhere. We, the Church of God Sunday School here in Bermuda, thank our God for His manifold blessings to us and for the way in which He is working in our midst since this little work began over here. Truly God is wonderfully blessing our little Sunday School. He is saving our boys and girls. We desire your earnest prayers that we shall ever put our shoulders to the wheel and work hand in hand for Christ inasmuch as we know our labor is not in vain. Our prayer is that God shall ever bless you and establish you in every good word and work.—R. P. Landy.

Orphanage Report

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towels, 4 prs. pillow cases, 6 dish towels, 1 sack, 2 prs. pajamas, 3 sunsuits, 1½ yds. tablecloth, 2 suits underwear, 1 pr. hose, 9 pencils, 2 pins, 1 pk. notebook paper, 1 dish, 1 tube toothpaste, 1 box shoe polish, 1 hdkf., 18 tams, 11 boys' caps, 6 washcloths, 1 card buttons, 1 pk. rickrack, 7 pocketbooks, 1 tie, 11 yds. print, 2 prs. shoestrings, 3 boys' suits. Worn: 36 dresses, 9 prs. pants, 9 blouses, 3 sweaters, 5 shirts.

Virginia

The Church of God, Pulaski—3 quilts, 99 towels, 52 washcloths, 7 sheets, 18 prs. pillow cases, 6 dresser scarfs, 7 dresses, 3 bars soap, 6 prs. sock, 16 yds. print, 3 hdkfs., 1 pr. shoes, 4 playsuits, 2 prs. pants, 7 yds. domestic, 1 suit underwear, 4 slips, 3 prs. panties, 1 apron.

Life & Casualty Insurance—63 thimbles, 58 pks. needles.

Name Unknown—1 quilt.

Name Unknown—2 quilts.

R. P. Culpepper—Worn: 1 pr. boots, 1 pr. pants.

Facing the Facts

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bravely. We have climbed to where we are tonight and by the grace of God we expect to carry on until we shall see Him come whose right the world is, then we can enjoy the benefits of our labors.

We have some serious problems today. Our American homes, one of the greatest institutions in the plan of God, are being threatened. In many instances the mother works on one shift and the father on another and the children are left to run the streets until late in the night. This is breeding social evils in our fair land. We must keep our home fires burning. We must not forget to gather our children around the family altar and teach them to pray and teach them about God, that He is ever present to guide and keep them in the way they should go. I trust there are no Church of God people who neglect family devotion. May we never come to the conclusion that our people can get by with education and without God for if there ever was a time that the rising generation needed to have a sense of spiritual value it is today.

There is no need to put up a sham. Social conditions today are very bad. What are we doing about it? Are we facing the fact? The Church of God is facing the fact by providing Sunday Schools that teach the Word of God, work for the young people, and Christian literature, teaching them that the greatest accomplishments come by whole-hearted allegiance to Jesus Christ and entire commitment to the cross of Christ and all it stands for.

Statistics show that in Wayne County, Michigan, last year there were 8,000 applications for divorces, over 6,000 decrees granted, and over $1,000,000 spent in the divorce courts. The Bible teaches that we must have one wife and one husband and so we are teaching our young people to be careful when they get married for it is a lifetime thing. We must rise as one mighty army and proclaim the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ.

I visited the vice department of the city of Detroit and I was alarmed at the information I gathered there. The records show that 8,000 each year are hailed in the courts of that city for the vice sins of the deepest dye. These are facts and we had better be careful, for our souls, and the souls of our sons and daughters are at stake. Sin will blight the future of our children and leave them without a hope in this world. We tell our young people to go to Sunday School, Y. P. E., and other church services to sing and pray, and they get more out of life than those who think they are having a good time in the world. Look our young people over and see if they are not getting the best out of life. Isn't it a pity we can't get this truth to the millions out in the highways and byways without God? By the grace of God we will weep before the altar until God rescues these from the burning.

There is the film industry. In the introduction of a book entitled "Worshipers of the Silver Screen," Mr. Sumrall is quoted as saying that two hundred million persons attend moving pictures each week, which means that ten billion, four hundred million enter the doors of such places annually—five times the population of the entire globe. The extravagance is terrifying. $2,504,000,000.00 flow into the coffers of the film industry each year. It has injected into society a lurid misrepresentation of life that is responsible for the moral shipwreck of millions. It

has massacred the youthful urge for higher mentality in the developing generation. It has grossly misrepresented our country and its ideals abroad, causing ill feeling in the hearts of multitudes of our foreign brethren. It stands responsible as the prime instigator of the wave of crime and lawlessness that has swept the world. It has wrecked the moral standards of society, schooled our youth in vice, cruelty and sex, destroyed virtue, debased the sanctity of marriage, and wrought havoc in the religious world.

I have heard of many people giving their children money to go to the show, then asking prayer for them to be saved, but you have given them the money to buy something that is driving them away from God.

Besides the theatres, there is the dances, beer taverns, public bathing beaches, etc. We are facing the facts and the Church of God says we can do none of these things. We are teaching our young people that they must be pure. The older women must teach the younger "to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husband, that the Word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be soberminded."

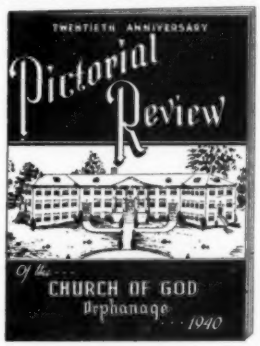
Over $15,000,000,000.00 a year is spent to curb crime but as long as our social structure is built on Paris, Hollywood, gangsterism, etc., we will never stop the gauntlet of crime. The people of every church should take a stand against these things. Jesus is coming soon and we want to be ready to go. These social conditions have pierced our moral fabric and weakened it to the breaking point. They can't long exist without economic catastrophe. The last war aggravated serious conditions of bad domestic, social, and moral evils. We have reaped from these things panic, experimentation and political corruption in our economic life. What are we doing about it? Politics will never rescue us. It is going to take the power of the Lord. May the Lord grip our souls and stir us as never before to the rescue of our duty.

The roots of democracy which were watered by the streams of free speech, free press, and free pulpit are today dry rotting in what were once the river beds of our glorious heritage. In the last war we had the beginning of what the next war will be the end. Dictatorship is an evil that has never been known before. Where are we going from here? Things are in a serious condition, our government is tottering, and what will we do if we do go to war? Oh, Jesus is coming soon. We are looking for Him. Are we ready to face the facts? We are looking up for our redemption draweth nigh. Signs in the planets tell that He is coming soon. Yes, soon will be revealed to us the Sun of righteousness and I want to meet Him in peace. We are not afraid of the signs in the sun, moon, and stars, because we are looking forward to the time when we can see Jesus coming in power and great glory. God help us to stand on the sacred principles of His Word and be able to stand before the things that are coming upon us.

ORPHANAGE BIRTHDAY DECEMBER 17

On December 17, 1940, the Church of God Orphanage will be twenty years old. In commemoration of the beginning of this institution we have published a 20th anniversary annual called "Pictorial Review of the Church of God Orphanage," which is now off the press. This annual gives the history of the Church of God Orphanage in both word and picture and beautifully describes its growth. On the cover there is an artist's conception of the new Church of God Boys' Home which is to be built immediately on the Lee Highway between Cleveland and Chattanooga. The building of this Home has been granted by the Assembly in session and every thing is now ready to start.

Many pastors who were at the 35th Annual Assembly took a large number of the Pictorial Reviews with them to sell



at their churches. We are asking that every true and loyal pastor in the Church of God order a large number of these papers and sell them at your church or in your city, at the price of 25c each, and send the proceeds to the Church of God Orphanage. All the money for which these annuals will be sold will be used in the construction of the new Boys' Home. When you are not able to give you can work and everyone in your city would like to have one of these beautiful annuals. For your convenience we have inserted the following coupon for ordering:

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Question Box

Question: We are told in Luke 5:37, "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish." Is this new wine referring to the Holy Ghost being put into an unclean person? If it is, what is the meaning of verse 39, "No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better"?—*P. M.*

Answer: No, this scripture cannot be applied to the infilling of the Holy Ghost. These are parables or illustrations by which Christ wished to show the need of the vessel being prepared for its filling. The bottles used in the parable were skin bottles and when old would be weak, therefore not sufficient for new wine which had not completed its fermentation. The old Jewish regime must not be patched up nor mended but give way to a brand-new experience founded upon better promises. This would be necessary for the Church to stand the test which was to come upon it.

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Question: In 1 Sam. 28:11-19 we read of the spirit of Samuel being brought to earth. Was this really the spirit of Samuel or was it the devil in disguise?—*C. H.*

Answer: There is nothing in the narrative referred to to show that Samuel's spirit was brought to earth. There is nothing to show that Saul saw Samuel, but rather, on the contrary, that Saul only knew by the description which was given him by the witch, she acting as a medium in the same way and manner that spiritual mediums of modern times do. It is true that the 12th verse says, "And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice," that is, in her dilemma she saw things which made her cry out. Just what she saw no one knows, but it does seem that there was a revelation which caused her to know Saul. The devil knows things and he has power to impart that knowledge to his subjects and he has power to impersonate the saints who have gone on. But it is hardly to be believed that he has power to call the spirits of those who have gone on from their rest. The proof that Saul did not see Samuel is in verse 13 where he asks the witch, "For what sawest thou?" and the witch had to make a description for Saul to be able to identify the description as that of Samuel. Since the whole transaction was between a fallen king and a devil-possessed woman, it cannot be believed that a prophet of God had any part in it.

To a spiritual-minded person everything seems to be pointing to God.

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